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## STATEMENT BY MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SCOTT WALKER ON TODAY'S BOARD DECISION ON SALES TAX

"Today the County Board Committee on Transportation, Public Works & Transit failed to endorse the proposed .75% and 1% sales tax increases. I applaud them for seeing that this is not the way to solve Milwaukee County's fiscal crisis."

"Increasing the sales tax to solve our crisis is like the CEOs of Ford and General Motors saying the way to solve their problems is to raise the price of their cars by 10%. The only result of that is to get more people to drive Chryslers."

"The answer is not to dig into the pockets of taxpayers for more money. Rather, we must be good stewards of our tax dollars by getting relief from fringe benefits and mandates. Only then will we see signs of hope for our county."

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